

Debaters agree that U.S. unity would deter Soviets

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How serious is the Soviet threat to American security and how strong is America's ability to react to it?

Last Thursday night two experts on arms control and international affairs debated these questions, each taking a different stand on the issue but coming to the conclusion that Americans must unite to deter Soviet aggression.

"The real issue now is not what the trends are but what to do about it," said Charles Kupperman, spokesman for the Committee on the Present Danger. "The Soviets still have conventional superiority and are on the way, if they don't already have strategic nuclear superiority. They are pursuing a war-fighting, war-winning and war-survival nuclear strategy."

Kupperman debated Barry Blechman, an expert in disarmament and arms control who holds a doctorate in national relations.

"The problem we face lies on the nuclear strategic level, which is the most important single security issue facing this country," Kupperman said. "In the early 1980s the Soviets are going to be able to threaten a strike on our land-based missile force with a high confidence of destroying 90 to 95 percent of it."

Kupperman said these factors will shape U. S. foreign policy. "Foreign policy will be affected because it is not going to be willing or able to engage in a crisis confrontation with the Soviet Union," he said.

Kupperman said the central issue is the United States' lack of feasible military options to check the Soviet threat.

"Our committee would propose that we make our strategic forces more survivable," he said. "We should be improving and increasing our air defense system and accelerating cruise missile programs. It is a time to act, not a time to debate whether or not the Soviets are

going to challenge us in an arms race. The Soviets have been in an arms race and we have not—that is the problem."

Kupperman said there is strong reason for the U. S. to support an increased defense effort, in the form of military development.

"If we can do this in the next two or three years, we may be able to conduct business as usual later in 1980," he said. "But the problem in Washington is that the administration continues to conduct business as usual while the situation in the world is anything but that."

"It is inconceivable to me that we are calling for the registration of men and women as a cosmetic move when we should be doing other things such as spending money to develop effective forces," he said.

Blechman on the other hand stressed the need for nuclear arms control and adoption of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, as well as a vigorous program to modernize U. S. strategic forces.

"The primary purpose of nuclear weapons is to avoid war," Blechman said. "The main objective of our nuclear strategy is to influence the minds of foreign leaders. We must strive for negotiations to confine and then reduce the importance of nuclear weapons—not putting them into a more central position of our foreign policy."

Blechman said the United States and Russia are now in a state of parity and that the U. S. strategic weapons program must ensure that this condition is maintained. "Arms control agreements make a major contribution towards this objective," he said.

An unlimited arms race could lead to a significant risk of nuclear war," he said. "We need arms controls not as a substitute for defense programs but as a complement to it. Security depends upon both significant modernization programs and significant efforts in negotiating arms controls agreement," he said.

"We can add as many nuclear weapons as we like to our inventory but that will not reduce the threat Russia poses us," Blechman said. "You can only reduce that threat by agreeing to mutual limitations on both sides."

News In Brief

Soviets block bridges to Kabul

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Soviet troops have blocked access to bridges over the river that dissects Kabul, splitting the Afghan capital in two in an apparent attempt to protect the Soviet Embassy and a Russian housing area after three days of street violence, reports from Kabul said Sunday.

In Bonn, West Germany, a magazine said President Carter asked former Chancellor Willy Brandt on Feb. 15 to act as a mediator between the Soviet Union and the West in the Afghan crisis. There was no immediate comment on the report in *Der Spiegel* from either Brandt or U.S. officials.

Panel's work is not hostages' release

Members of the U.N. commission in Tehran to investigate the deposed shah's regime met Sunday with Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr in talks described as extremely constructive, but several high-level Iranian officials insisted the panel's work will not include the release of the American hostages.

Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said, "The release of the hostages is neither the task of the commission nor their program."

Mansour Farhang, Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, said in a broadcast interview in New York that "there was no linkage between the formation of the commission and release of the hostages."

Tito's condition unchanged

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Sunday the 87-year-old leader's condition remained grave and they were pressing ahead with intensive treatment.

They made no mention of their disclosure Saturday that the ailing Yugoslav leader had also developed pneumonia. The two-sentence advisory was one of the briefest bulletins yet issued by the medical panel during Tito's 44 days at the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia in northwestern Yugoslavia.

Firefighters strike continues

CHICAGO (AP)—Leaders of the firefighters' union, fearful that local labor leaders have deserted them in their 11-day strike, remained at loggerheads with the city Sunday over wording of a temporary back-to-work agreement.

In nearby Milwaukee, meanwhile, firefighters authorized their union to call a strike in an effort to bring their wages to the level of the city's policemen. But Joseph Ruditsy, president of the Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters Association, said Sunday he would take no immediate action.

Smith rallies for hope, prayer

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DURHAM—The United States used every means available to secure the release of the hostages except faith, the Rev. Malbert Smith told a crowd of about 300 gathered Saturday evening for the "Night for the Hostages" in Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke University.

"We've tried diplomacy, we've tried finesse and we've tried political shenanigans," Smith said. "But we have power we haven't tapped and resources we haven't used. It is up to you to call upon God to evoke His blessing. God is still in control. And He is able to take care

of 50 hostages in Iran when God's people meet God's demand," he said. "There is hope, and we need to pray as never before."

"Amen's" rippled through the small crowd and echoed in the near-empty stadium, following Smith's remarks.

Art Vann, chairman of the Durham Exchange Club which sponsored the event, said he was undaunted by the light turnout. "I'm just happy to see you here," he told the crowd. "And I hope your hearts will be touched before you leave here this evening."

A Duke University public safety officer on duty at the stadium blamed the low

General: Nation won't accept combat women

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"Let's see a show of hands: how many of you think American society is ready to see women in a combat role?"

When Brigadier General Margaret Brewer posed this question Thursday to an audience of about 90 people, most of whom were UNC students in NROTC, only one hand went up.

"How many think women should serve in a combat role?" she asked.

This time about 15 people raised their hands. Brewer, the first and only female general in the U.S. Marine Corps, believes that the United States is not ready to allow women to serve in direct ground combat.

"Women in our country have always been excluded from combat roles, and they've always been excluded from the draft," she said.

Brewer described combat roles as such positions as machine gunner and rifleman. The present law does not explicitly exclude women from these roles, but states only that women are excluded from positions aboard ships and aircraft, she said.

Brewer said the law was intended to exclude women from all types of combat. Direct ground combat was not mentioned in the law because it was assumed that women would not even be considered for such positions.

When Brewer went on active duty in the early 1950s, women's assignments were limited to traditionally female duties such as administration and supply.

Her first assignment was as a communications watch officer in El

Toro, Calif., as one of the first women assigned to such a post.

"I never really felt discriminated against," she said. There were few women in the military at that time, and they simply accepted their assignments and the restrictions, she explained.

"Admittedly, though, if some of these same restrictions existed today I would feel very discriminated against," Brewer said.

The law excluding women from combat has been interpreted strictly and there could be some modification in it, she said.

"I think there are some types of combat roles that would be acceptable for women in our society today," she said.

"I would not support a change that would allow women in direct ground combat because I don't think our society is ready to accept that," Brewer said.

Brewer said if the law is changed she would support physical strength standards to determine who would be assigned to combat roles. Anyone—male or female—who could not meet those standards would not be assigned as a machine gunner or a rifleman.

Brewer predicts that in the future there will be drastic changes for women in the military. Her forecast is based mainly on the developments she has seen since she was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1952.

From 1973 to 1977, Brewer served as Director of Women Marines. That office was dissolved after numerous advances in integrating women into greater service in the Marine Corps, she said. Brewer was awarded the Legion of Merit for her outstanding service as director.

In the past there was a legal limit of 2 percent on the number of women in the military. A few years ago the objectives were made numerical.

The present active duty force of the four armed services includes 150,000 women. There are plans to increase this to a strength of 200,000 women.

"It just would not be feasible to have a large number of women in the service if they could not serve in combat areas," Brewer said. "I don't see any way you could draft women in equal numbers to men as long as you have that combat limitation."

The registration of women for the draft proposed by President Carter is unnecessary for meeting recruiting goals for women, Brewer said.

The high number of women volunteers and the exclusion of women from combat roles creates a need for limiting the number of women in the military rather than drafting more women. Brewer believes that registering women will not necessarily lead to drafting women.

"As I understand registration right now, it would simply be limited to just that—the registration," she said. "They're not proposing classification, not proposing any physical exams yet, and nobody's talking about the draft yet."

The purpose of registration at this point is to remind men and women of the obligation they have to their country, and to have them available for service if necessary, Brewer said.

Brewer was appointed brigadier general in 1978, and became the first female general in the U.S. Marine Corps. She now serves as Director of Public Affairs for the Corps.

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